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Paul

Thank you for your letter of 15 October, I hope you were able to enjoy your overseas holiday and that you have returned somewhat refreshed.

I want to respond to your suggestions re The Co-operative College education and training material.

Since our meeting with you we have met with the Director of Consumer Affairs Victoria who has invited the Federation to submit a major proposal to his Minister concerning co-operative education and training.

A proposal is in the process of being developed in conjunction with The Co-operative College and it is envisaged that it will be finalised and submitted by the end of November. The proposal will seek substantial funding from the Victorian Government to fully develop and roll-out a suite of online programs and courses for co-operative directors, members and employees as well as the public at large.

Should the submission be successful the Federation will then be in a position to act as project leader.

If you are inclined to join us and The College in the development of the proposal now, we would need to act quickly as we are working towards an end of November completion date for the submission.

A Memorandum of Understanding should be entered into by all participants in the project and if you indicate that you are prepared to join us we will forward a draft MOU as soon as possible. Central to the MOU will be clear identification of roles and responsibilities and ensuring that there are no potential conflicts of interest.

Thank you again for your interest in the Federation's and we like you, look forward to working together on the projects you identified in your letter of 15 October.

Yours faithfully

David Griffiths
Secretary